WAUPACA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 36 (2016 – 2017)

Subject: Opposing Making County Veterans Service Officers Optional, Allowing Non-Veterans to Fill the CVSO Position, or Consolidating or Regionalizing County Veteran Service Offices in Wisconsin

WHEREAS, Section 45.80 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires each county to elect a County Veterans Service Officer who is a Wisconsin resident and who served under honorable conditions on active duty in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers are a major stakeholder in assisting veterans with obtaining more than $2.7 billion in VA benefits annually throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers are invaluable to all veterans in the local community, especially elderly and disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers are the only veterans’ advocates in the local community who serve veterans in assisting with claims filed with the regional VA in Milwaukee; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Waupaca County joins other Wisconsin counties to express the positions that the Wisconsin State Legislature adamantly oppose any future efforts to make County Veterans Service Officers optional; any future efforts to allow non-veterans to fill the position of County Veterans Service Officer; and any future efforts to allow consolidation and/or regionalization of County Veterans Service Offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be sent to all State Senators and Assembly Representatives whose districts encompass all or parts of Waupaca County, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to the President of the County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin.

Passed this 21 day of March, 2017

25 Ayes 0 Nays

ATTEST:

Jill Lodewegen
Waupaca County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Diane L. Meulemans
Corporation Counsel
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RECOMMENDED FOR INTRODUCTION BY WAUPACA COUNTY FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE

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